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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thong H. Vu

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 7-14 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Krishnan et al [Krishnan 6,442,529 B1].

2. As per claim 7 Krishnan discloses A web content downloading method for a network kiosk associated with a store [Krishnan, PDA, col 1 lines 23-35; download web page content, col 2 lines 47-59] comprising the steps of:

(a) storing a schedule containing a number of web content addresses and corresponding download times by the kiosk [Krishnan, scheduling services, col 1 lines 55-65; Advertising-Subsidized Internet Access, col 5 lines 48 et seq.], wherein the download times are chosen to occur when the kiosk is not being used by an operator to select and browse web pages [Krishnan, downloads new advertisements when the computer is idle, col 12 lines 31-40];

(b) waiting until the download times in accordance with the schedule by the kiosk [Krishnan, validation stamps, col 9 line 22-col 10 lines 59; valid timer field, col 11 lines 25-37] ; and

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(c) downloading and storing web content at the web content addresses at the download times in accordance with the schedule by the kiosk [Krishnan, downloads new advertisements at times scheduled by the PDA user or kiosk user, col 12 lines 31-40].

3. As per claim 9 Krishnan discloses the web content comprises media files [Krishnan, multimedia advertisements, col 20 lines 14-27].

4. As per claim 10 Krishnan discloses the download times occur after store hours when the kiosk is without an operator [Krishnan, downloads new advertisements when the computer is idle, col 12 lines 31-40].

5. Claims 11,13,14 contain the similar limitations set forth in claims 7,9,10. Therefore claims 11-14 are rejected for the same rationale set forth in claims 7-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8,12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Krishnan et al [Krishnan 6,442,529 B1] in view of the well-known arts.

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6. As per claims 8,12 Krishnan does not disclose (d) receiving the schedule from an in-store server by the kiosk.

It was well-known in the art that the schedule could be stored in a server and downloads to the client node [see Carpenter, Whyel references]

Therefore it would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in order to utilize the schedule provided by server to help the user download the information to the thin clients, PDA, kiosk as taught by the well known art into the Krishnan's apparatus in order to utilize the schedule selections.

Doing so would provide the maximum flexibility and future expansion [Carpenter, col 26 lines 7-21] or improve service capability of Service Provider [Whyel 0017]

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Thong Vu*, whose telephone number is (571)-272-3904. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Andrew Caldwell*, can be reached at (571) 272-3868. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300

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